EX-JUDGE FITHIAN DEAD.

He Married a Daughter of Richard B. Connolly,

News has been received in this city of the

leath on Friday last at his home in Santa Bar

of th's city. Judge Fithian married a daughter

Obliunry Notes.

Abner Chency Goodell died at Salem, Mass

on Sunday, at the age of 93. His was a life full

of achievements. He was born in North Or-

ange, Mass., Feb. 9, 1805, being the son of Zina

and Johanna Goodell, who had thirteen chil-dren, four of whom lived to be over 90

years of age and four over 80. Mr. Goodell

was of an inventive turn of mind and

perfected the first printing press that printed on

James R. Robinson, ex-Treasurer of Richmond

randchild.

William H. Conover, a lawyer, of Newark, N.

J., died on Sunday at his home, 232 Sixth avesue, of pneumonia. He had been ill for a week,
He was graduated from the Columbia College,
Law School in 1872. The funeral will be held

\$3,000,000 WITHOUT OWNER.

Alleged Discovery of That Much from Ore

Lying Unclaimed in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, March 28 .- During the investiga-

ion by Attorney-General Monette and the taxa-

tion committees of the Senate and House of

out that there is no ownership to more than

has led the Attorney-General to make the statement that the State would confiscate it. The investigation has made some astounding discoveries so far in the way of big concerns avoiding

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH

The enemies of Editor Judson of the Bessemer Weekly, in Ressemer, Ala., set fire to his publishing Louse yesterday and destroyed it, with the plant of the resulting Brewery Company. The Weekly lately has been scoring the roughs of the town.

Miss Jeannie S. McLaugnitin of White Plains stands at the head of the merit list as a result of a recent State civil service examination of candidates for Woman happened under the Compulsory Education law.

The Department of Public Instruction.

-morrow afternoon

taxation.

both sides in one operation. His is

THE CASTLE SQUARE COMPANY RE-FIVES "THE MIKADO." Mrs. Piske Response to "Tess of the

evilles"-Maggio Cline's New Role .. Pun Aboard the Pacific Pfatt." The American Theatre had Japanese decorations in its lobbles last night, burning scentsticks in its auditorum, and a performance of 'The Mikado" on its stage. The Gilbert and Bullivan masterpiece was received with a liking that at times rose to enthusiasm. Not only the music, but the humor, too, was reliabed astonishingly. It was a large and nodish assemblage which thus enjoyed the old but evidently not yet obsolete comic opera. Of course, the Castle Square Company is not able, more than any other stock organisation, to provide an entirely adequate cast for a change of play each week; but the singing was excellent, and, if the acting was not quite all that memory recalls in some previous representations, it was nevertheless admirably preservative of the humor.

At the Empire there was the debut of Sara Perry as Babiole de Grandpre in "The Conquerors," taking the place of Ida Conquest, who d gone to London with William Gillette and "Too Much Johnson," Miss Perry played a tri-fling, speechless part in "Under the Red Robe," so well that Mr. Frohman, after trying her abilities at rehearsals, sent her out as the leading actress in a "Secret Service" cast. She sue tained the soubrette rôle in "The Conquerors ' cieverly and effectively.

Minnie Maddern Fiske returned to the Fifth Avenue with "Tess of the d'Urbervilles," and the lil-fated heroine in a manner which, a year ago at that theatre, revealed her for the first time to our general public as an actress of exceptional originality, intelsectuality and vividness. There is no phase of her performance now which passed unpraised then. Her company this season is changed, but not for the worse. Frederick de Belle ville instead of Charles Coghlan is the otrocious libertine, Mary Shaw Instead of Olive Oliver is the bibulous dairymaid, and Forrest Robinson instead of Edward Beil is the disloyal husband. It is Mrs. Fiska's acting that lifts this drama of vice and crime into

the distoyal husband. It is Mrs. Fiske's acting that lifts this drama of vice and crime into artistic esteem.

There were queer goings on at the Casino in connection with the revival of "In Gay New York." The familiar extravaganza of the Tenderloin was performed by Walter Jones and his travelling company, and after it some things were some to speed the parting actors who are off to introduce "The Belle of New York" to London. They appeared on the stage in front of a drop-scene representing the steamer Maine on a United States flag. They entered singing the "Follow On" song, and after that Mr. Jones gave a bailed of good wishes to them. Old war songs were also chorused, with the "Star-Spangled Banner" for a finish. Uncle Sam was impersonated, and sailors waved the Stars and Stripes. Daniel Baly responded to a call for a speech, and so did Mr. Jones, but A. H. Hummel, who had been advertised without warrant, was not there to contribute to the oratory. Mainager Lederer was on hand, however, to deliver some patriotic sentiments. Photography by flashlight and a chorus of "Auld Lang Syne" were included in the exercises.

The nearest to a new play last night was

teenth Street, as it was a vaudeville version of the old English plece, "The Overland Route." The second of its three acts, which showed the deck and superstructure of a steamship, was the scene of a variety show lasting three quarters of an hour, the contributions appearing as offerings of passengers toward a concert aboard ship. All the vocalists and dancers were of secondary interest to Maggie Cline, who was short of skirts, which was unusual, and long of head tones, as is customary with her. In shortening her skirt its color changed. too, its former gorgeous tint of creamy sheen giving way to pronounced green only by embroidery of white. Black gloves of Yvette Gilbert length were necessarily about twice the circumference of the Frenchwoman's, and black shoes and hosiery were of an emplitude befitting the singer's fading waist. But there was no trace of fade or faintness about her voice, though there was apparent the same friumphant lingering over its one or two clear tones. When these were called into play the fiddlers held their bows poised, the wind players gave over tooting, and the walls of the building rocked as though about to shed their decorations. The Cline was in fine fettle, or, as she put it, "feeling so good she could eat a Spaniard." Two of her selections were from the old stock, and the third recounted the deeds of Irishmen to the air of a negro ballad in current favor. In addition to the usual list of muscular gestures, it brought a touch of the wriggles employed by dancers from the Orient and had an unusual proportion of the tones that were to be held and swelled. Finally McCloskey met his fate in the customary dusty racket. Other soloists were Helene Lowell, one of whose songs was a dainty imitation of Frouch friskiness, and Alexa, who sang classic selections and based some of her title to a niche in Fame's temple to her claim that the is a daughter of terms. about her voice, though there was apparent the based some of her title to a niche in Fame's temple to her claim that the is a daughter of Osman Digna. All of the players joined in choruses, and after the specialties were over, as before them, were brisk in their broadly farcical treatment of this Paul Potter adaptation.

THREE THIEVES NABBED.

Two of Them Held Up the Bartender of a

On Saturday night Frank Gallegher, a bar tender at 87 Sixth avenue, reported to the police that he had been robbed by three men, one of whom held him by the throat while another took his \$35 watch and handed it to the third. That night the police arrested James Kelly, thought to be the man who held the bartender by the throat, and last night Detectives Trojan and Boyle of the West Thirty-seventh street station arrested the other two and a woman who has been their accom-The arrests were made in a room at 388 pile. The arrests were made in a room at 388 Eighth avenue. Trojan stood on the roof of an adjacent building with a revolver pointed at the window, while Boyle broke in the door.

The persons arrested gave the names William Hickey, Francis Murray and Elizabeth McCulagh. The woman says she has pawn 'da number of watches for the gang, including three which were taken in Lion Park during St. Patrick's Day celebration there. A ticket for Gallegher's watch was among those given up.

CARDS LEAD TO SHOOTING.

O'Rourke Shot by Mistake & Mau with Whom He Had No Quarrel.

While Dennis O'Rourke of 91 Cherry street was playing cards in Abraham Cohn's saloon at Water and James streets with several other men last night somebody cried "cheat!" and

men last night somebody cried "cheat!" and O'Rourke and another man hit at each other over the table. A fight followed. O'Rourke drew a revolver and fired twice at the man with whom he had been immediately engaged.

Patrick Dolan of 219 Park row, who had started for the door, was hit by one of the bullets in the leg. Down he went, screaming. The other bullet hit no one, so far as known. Dolan get to the Gouverneur Hospital in some way, and O'Rourke was arrested by Policemen Dongan and Cunningham and locked up in the Oak street station.

PERSONATED A MAINE SURVIVOR. Two New Haven Men Arrested for Swindling Patriotic Harlemites.

Charles Mack and Charles Reynolds, recently from New Haven, but now having lodgings at 129th street and Third avenue, were arrested last night by Policeman Hech of the East 126th street station, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. It is alleged that the two men had succeeded in collecting \$11 from residents of Harlem through the medium of a subscription paper, which asked that assistance be given to Charles Mack, who had been injured in the destruction of the battleship Maine. The men deny that Mack personated a Maine survivor.

Change in Pennsylvania's Capitol Commission'

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 28 .- The Capitol Building Commission decided to-night to re advertise for bids on a modificit plan, the changes being brick instead of marble for surfacing and rubble stone for brick in the foundations. It is expected that the building will be finished in time for the next session of the Legislature.

Newspaper Consolidation in Norfolk.

Nonrolk, Va., March 28 .- The Virginian and Pilot, daily newspapers, will be consolidated about April 1. The new company, which will be known as the Virginian and Pilot Company, was chartered to-day. Albert grandy is President, S., Signan Vice President, The Virginian is one of the leading dullies of This-states. The Pilot was started by Sam Small as the organ of the Probibitionist party three years ago.

NAVAL RESERVES CALLED ON. trooklyn Officers Start to Bring Back a Mos

Late last night orders were received by the Second Battalion Naval Reserve to send 100 men to the Longue Island Navy Yard to take harge of four of the two monitors to be ordered

It is not known whether the Brooklyn men will man the Jason or the Nahant. Six officers left on an early train this morning and the men are due to arrive at Philadelphia

on Friday morning. The officers who have gone on ahead are: Commander William H. Stayton, Chief Engineer R. E. Hall, Boatswain's Mate C. H. Hall, Gunner's Mate E. J. Welsh, Torpedoer J. Langthorn, and Seaman H. H. Henderson,

The monitor will be stationed at the foot of Conover street, South Brooklyn. She is being provisioned for two months.

While she is on the station there will be a practice drill of the whole battalion aboard every evening. Commander Stayton understood this morning that filentical orders to those issued to him had also been issued to the First Battalion, which

COLLEGE BOYS READY TO FIGHT.

Tender Their Services in Case of War. WASHINGTON, March 28.-This telegram was received from Ann Arbor, Mich., by Secretary

sent to this city.

of War Alger: "The students of the University of Michigan stand by the Administration and tender service in case of war."

Secretary Alger sent this reply: Message sent by you tendering your services to the Government should we have war was delivered by me to the President, who greatly ap preciates it. I am sure all wish for continued peace if we can have it with honor; but should we unhappily be plunged into war, it is gratifying to know that creeds, nationality and party affiliations will all merge into one thought and that the defence of the nation's honor and its flag. I am happy to know that among those who are willing to make one sacrifice, if need be, the students of the great university of my State stand among the list of those noble young men who are ready for the call."

Capt. Mahan Sails for Italy. Capt, Alfred T. Mahan, U. S. N., with his wife and two daughters, sailed for Europe on Satur-dar on the Fulda. He intends to return in October.

EMMRS. PAGET IN A RUNAWAY. Mer Conchuan Loses Control of the Morses at

the Metropolitan Club. Mrs. Almeric H. Paget, daughter of W. C. Whitney, had an exciting experience yesterday afternoon in a runaway, in which John McKengie, her footman, was hadly injured. Mrs. Page! had been out shopping in her victoria and her husband had joined her in the carriage on the way home. At the Metropolitan Club, at Fifth avenue and Sixtleth street, Mr. Paget alighted for a few minutes and his wife waited for him sitting in the victoria. The horses were restive, and just as Mr. Paget was coming out of the club one of them got one foot over the pole, and both started up the avenue.

Patrick Cockburn, the coachman, discovered efore they had gone a block that he would be unable to control the team, and shouted to Me-Cenzie to jump down and get to their heads. McKenzie slipped as he landed, fell on his head, unconscious.

Meantime the runaway team continued up Fifth avenue, Bicycle Policeman Gibson started after the victoria at Sixty-first street, and at the next corner Cockburn succeeded in turning the team to the east. Sixty-second street was full of wagons and carriages and the coachman's entire attention was taken up in avoiding collisions. The horses ran hard and the policeman was unable to get to their heads on account of the number of teams they met. At Lexington avenue Mrs. Paget stood up in

the victoria and called to the coachman to let her help him. As she reached over the front seat of the sway-ing carriage and helped Cockburn to pull on the reins, she was perfectly cool and self-possessed. The united strength of the two was hardly sufficient, however, to make the horses slacken their speed even a little until after they had crossed Third avenue. There, however, the pace began to tell on the team and Gibson drew nearer to them on his wheel. He yelled to Cockburn to try to turn up Second avenue, or there would be danger of the horses dashing into the river, or the coschman was able to make the turn safely. Within two blocks more Gibson yet to the horses heads and by his efforts

son got to the horses heads and by his efforts and those of the coachman and Mrs. Paget they were at last brought to a standstill. They were game to the last, however, and one of the whiffletrees was broken in the struggle to quiet Mrs. Paget continued as cool after her danger

was over as she was when it was greatest. Con-tractor John D. Crimmins happened to be near the spot where the team was stopped, and he called a c.b. in which Mrs. Paget was driven home. On the way up Sixty-second street she met her husband, who had followed the runaway team with all rowships speak. met her husband, who had followed the runaway team with all possible speed.

At the Flower Hospital, McKenzie, the footman, was found to have a big cut on his head. It was not serious, however, and he returned later to his home in the Pagets' stable at 52 East Sixy-second street.

Mrs. Paget retired early last night, rather weak after the excitement of the runaway, but otherwise all right.

MR. JENKS DISAPPEARED.

He in Found Very Drunk After His Wife De cided He Had Met with Foul Play.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 28.-Edwin L Jenks, a wealthy young man of Pawtucket, R. L. has disappeared from the Palace Hotel, leav ing his young wife. The couple came out here on a vacation on March 19 and put up at the hotel. On last Friday night Jenks went out after dinner for a stroll and did not return. His wife fears foul play, as he carried considerable money and wore diamonds. No clue to his disappearance has yet been found.

Jenks was found to-night, however, very drunk and in a Turkish bath. He could not give any account of himself. on a vacation on March 19 and put up at the

Sagasta's Large Majority. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. MADRID, March 28,-The latest election news shows the return of 192 Ministerialists, 53

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 29 .- The Chronicle says that

the increased Japanese tariff will become oper-

Dr. Forest Will He Brought East.

SACRAMENTO, March 28.—Gov. Budd to-day granted a requisition for Dr. William E. Forest, now in jail at Los Angeles. Forest is charged with swindling many New York men by his Chime Whistles to Southe the Passengers.

From the Charleston, S. C., News and Courier. From the Chorieston, S. C., News and Courier.

The Atlantic Coast Line authorities have recently adopted a new whistle to be used on their engines. Passenger engines will use a chune whistle out of regard for the comfort of passengers, this whistle having a sound that will not disturb them. The whistle for freight engines will be a very clear and shrill one, and can be easily heard by a conductor or the trainmen in the caboose over a train of fifty or sixty cars without any trouble. Heretofore the whistle on the freight engines could not be heard so far away with a moving freight train of thirty or more cars. Foreman Justice is having the new whistle put on the engines as fast as they come in.

Preacher on Sunday, Policeman Six Nights.

From the Charleston, W. Va., Gazette. Huntington has the only licensed minister of the Gospel who is also a policeman on regular duty in the United States. The Rev. Childers, known as "Red Fox." by the criminal element, who stand in awas if his watchfuleye, is 55 years old and has acted in his dual consects for twenty years. He is paster of the West End Brethren Church on Sunday and patrois the streets of the Second city during every night of the week.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Justice Cohen has grante 1 an absolute divorce to Charles J. Leist from Mary Leist. The New York & ... ial Ex-nacge yesterday elected R. tiert M. Thompson Prasdent, Adolph Lewischn Von-Praident, and Charles B. Trouch Trussurer.

DEATH OF ANTON SEIDL.

THE GREAT CONDUCTOR'S CAREER CUT SUDDENLY SHORT.

Pinh Poisoning Believed to Have Been the Cause of His Death-He Are Heartily of Shad Ros at Luncheson, Was Taken III Afterward, and Died Within a Few Hours-His Eminence as a Wagnerian Conductor.

Anton Seidl, one of the greatest conductors of the music of Richard Wagner, died at the residence of Samuel Bernstein, manager of Seldl's orchestra, at 312 East Nineteenth street, at 10:15 o'clock last night. Two doctors gave it as their opinion that death resulted from fish poisoning. An autopsy to show the exact cause vill be held this morning. Mr. Seldl was in his panal good health when

esat down to luncheon with his wife at his nome, 38 East Sixty-second street, at 1 o'clock resterday afternoon. He ate very beartily of shad roe, of which he was more than ordinarily foud. After luncheon he remained at home for en hour or two talking with his wife. He did will supply the crew for the other monitor to be not complain of feeling ill, but he did remark that he guessed he had eaten too heartily.

About 3 o'clock he left the house saying that he was going to Fleischmann's restaurant at the corner of Tenth street and Broadway, to read the papers for a time, and then to the house of his manager. It had been Mr. Seidl's custom for years to stroll into Fleischmann's every afternoon when in the city to take a cup of coffee and to look over the papers and periodicals, particularly the German comic publica-

At Fleischmann's Mr. Seidl met his old friend. Nahan Franko. The two men chatted together about musical matters for about an hour, when Mr. Seidl said that he must go up to see Bernstein about the plans for the orchestra for next

Mr. Franko, who was also going uptown as companie ! Mr. Seidl as far as Nineteenth street, where the two separated. To a Sun re porter last night Mr. Franko said that during all his conversation with Mr.



ANTON SEIDL.

Seidl the latter made no reference to the fact that he was ill. But after leaving him Mr. Franko remarked to his brother that he had just met Seidl, who looked as if he was growing prematurely old,

"I remarked to my brother," said Mr. Franko, 'that Seidl's face looked drawn and pale, and from its expression one would think that the man was weighed down by great care."

Leaving the car at Nineteenth street, Mr. Seidl walked directly to Mr. Bernstein's house. Only a few minutes after he entered he complained of feeling nausea. After a time he seemed to be better. Then the attack of nausea returned, and with it acute pains in the stomach. After the second attack of nausea Mr. Seldl. grew worse so rapidly that he was put to bed and Dr. Alexis V. Moschcowitz of 364 West Sixty-fifth street was summoned, and a messenger was sent to inform Mrs. Seidl of her husband's filness. The physician and Mrs. Seidl reached the house about the same time.

At Mrs. Seidl's request Dr. Gustav Langmann of 121 West Fifty-seventh street, the Seidls family physician, was immediately summoned in consultation with Dr. Moschcowitz. Mrs. Seidl insisted upon the consultation of doctors after Dr. Moschcowitz had said that all the symptoms pointed to the conclusion that Mr. Seidl was suffering from an irritant poison.

Dr. Moschcowitz prescribed for the patient, and, so it was said at the Hernstein house last After the second attack of naussa Mr. Seidl

Scidi was suffering from an irritant poison.

Dr. Moschcowitz prescribed for the patient, and, so it was said at the Bernstain house last night, Dr. Langmann expressed approval of the treatment. A short time atter the doctors arrived Mr. Scidi lost consciousness. From then on he gradually became weaker, and he died without having regained consciousness. Mrs. Scidi, the members of the Bernstein family, Mr. Franko, and two or three members of the Seidl orchestra with him when he died. The body was removed to Mr. Scidi's home about midnight.

A meeting of the Philharmonic Society has been cailed and will be tield at the house of the President, E. Francis Hyde, 835 Fifth avenue, at 10 o cock this morning.

Action in reference to Mr. Scidi's death will be taken. A meeting of the Liederkranx Society has been cailed for the same purpose this evening.

Anton Scidi was born in Budanest, Hungary.

Anton Seidl was born in Budapest, Hungary,

Anton Scioll was born in Budapest, Hungary, on May 7, 1850. At the age of 10 years he was sent to the Conservatory at Leipsic, where he remained until his eighteeath year. From the Conservatory he went back to Budapest to study the art of conducting under Haus Richter, and with aim he remained for two years. It was in 1872 that Seidl placed himself under Wagner at Bayrouth, officiating as his secretary and assistant director. He assisted Wagner in the production of his Nieblungen tetralogy, and after his studies under Wagner he accepted the responsible post of director at the open house in Leipsic. Here he remained for three years. At the termination of this engagement he visited Germany, Heigium, Holland, Italy, and Austria in the capacity of a director, under the management of Angelo Nie-

this engagement he visited Germany, Helgium, Holland, Italy, and Austria in the capacity of a director, under the management of Angelo Niemann. It was under this distinguished impressio that he visited London in 1891, conducting opera at Her Majesty's Theatre, and in 1882 at Belgium, Wagner being present at both places. Herr Seidl atterward became the director of the opera house at Bremen, and there he married the glitted singer known in America as Mmc. Seidl-kraus.

In 1888 Seidl was invited to come to America. Under the management of Mr. E. C. Stanton he took charge of the Metropolitan Opera House productions and produced for the first time in America the "Meistersinger," "Tristan und Isolde," "Rieingold, "Siegfried" and "Götterdhemerung," Mr. Seidl brought over with him Lilli Lehmaun, Marian Brandt, Max Alvary, Emit Fischer, and Albert Niemann. After coming to New York he refused conductorships in Berlin, Budapest, Vienna, and several other music-loving cities, electing to remain in this country.

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About 1889 there was organized by a number of music-loving women a Seidl society, and its membership was soon numbered by the hundreds. This society has done much to strengthen Mr. Seidl's popularity as a conductor and interpreter of classical music. He was a director as well as a conductor. When the German opera gave way to the French and Italian Mr. Seidl's devoted his attention to his orchestra and their Sunday evening concerts in this city.

After the régime of German opera at the Metropolitan came to an end Mr. Seidl's activity as an operatic conductor ceased practically for several years. He conducted the Philharmonic Society's concerts, played with the Seidl'society in Brooklyn in the winter, gave a long series of concerts at Brighton Beach in the summer months and played at the Lenox Lyceum on Sunday evenings, and at various other places in the city during the fall and spring. But he had no permanent post. During the first season of French and German opera at the Metropolitan he conducted on a few occasions; but it was not until two years ago that he returned to take charge of the Wagner performances given under the management of Abbey & Grau.

Mr. Seidl was one of the three living conductors of Wagner's music who had learned the traditions of his operas from the muster himself, Levi, at the Royal Opera in Munich, and Richter of Vienna are the other two. It seemed preposterous to New York music lovers that with such a conductor here the operas of Wagner should be given at the Metropolitan under the control of persons who were not nearly so well qualified to interpret them.

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who were not nearly so well qualified to interpret them.

It was Jean de Reszke who finally led to Mr. Seidl's reengagement as a regular conductor of the Metropolitan. When he first proposed to sing Tristan he made it a condition of that attempt that Anton Seidl should be engaged as conductor, and the overwhelming success of his participation in the German performances that season justified the Judgment not only of Jean de Reazie, but also of Mr. Seidl's other admirers in New York. Under his direction a series of performances so superb was given that he returned to the Metropolitan as triumphant as he ever had been.

During the 1896-97 season of opera here he conducted "Slegtried" and the other Wagner operas as he alone could, and as a result Jean de Reszke demanded that Mr. Seidl should so with him to London last cyclic to take charge of the Wagner operas in which he appeared at Covent Garden. Mmc Cosima

AN ACTRESS SHOT DEAD.

LAURA BOOTH FOUND LIFELESS AT

Wagner had already asked Mr. Satdi to come to Bayrenth and conduct there some of the performances of "Parsifal," He had not appeared in London since the season given in 1881 at Her Majestr's Theatre, and had not conducted at Bayreuth since his association there with Wagner himself. He accepted the invitation and conducted the first performance of "Stegfried" given at Covent Garden with Joan de Resske in the cast. This was on June 26 last, and his triumphs were continued there at every subsequent appearance during the season. On July 20 he conducted the ninety-third performance of "Parsifal" given at Bayreuth. He was to have returned this spring to Covent Garden to direct therethere cycles of the Trilogy, for which every soat has already been sold. Next year he was to have been the conductor-in-chief of the opens asson at the Metropolitan.

Mr. Seidl's death will probably bring to a Pictol by Her Side-She Was Beristered There as the Wife of James Lee of the "Found-ling" Company-Fern Alive Sunday Night ... Where Is Her Husband, the Manager Laura Booth of the "Foundling" company, low playing with Cissy Fitzgerald at the Galety Theatre, Williamsburg, had been registered at the New Amsterdam Hotel, Twenty-first street and Fourth avenue, as the wife of James S. Lee,

acting manager of the company. She was a light

comedian. She and Lee had been at the hotel

since Saturday night. She was found dead in her bed at 10 o'clock last night. Margaret Lundy, a maid, discovered the body. The woman was undreased, and be side her on the bed lay a cheap revolver. She and been shot behind and below the right ear, and seemed to have been dead for several hours. The police regard the case as suspicious and are making an investigation. Detectives O'Rourke and Reedy have been detailed on it from headquarters,

No one at the hotel last night remembered

having seen Lee there since the day before. The woman came in late on Sunday night and was not noticed during the day yesterday. It was learned that Lee did not appear at the heatre last night, and the police had not located

soid. Next year he was to have been the conductor-in-chief of the opera season at the Metropolitas.

Mr. Seidl's death will probably bring to a close the Philharmonic season. He was to have conducted at Carnegie Hall on Friday afternoon and Saturday evening next. Under his direction the Philharmonic increased steadily in popularity and the season closing at present is the most prosperous ever known in its history. The number of concerns has been somewhat increased and the receipts have already autounted to more than \$50,000. The best season known in the past amounted to less than \$30,000. On Tuesday evening next Mr. Scidl was to have appeared at Chickering Hall.

The past winter was an extremely active one for Mr. Seidl. He conducted a number of the Sunday night concerts at the Metropolitan, a series of twelve concerts at the Astoria, and many niscellaneous performances. He accomplished an amount of werk which was a matter of surprise to everybody who knew him.

His death will undoubtedly have a serious effect on the future of the permanent orchestra which has just been organized in this city. It was first and foremost a Seidl orchestra, and it was formed for the purpose of giving Mr. Seidl a permanent post. Several years are he organized the Metropolitan Orchestra, but its existence came to an end when he went to Europe last apring. Only a few months ago he received two invitations to accept posts in Europe. One was at Hamburgand the other at the Royal Opera at Berlin. Both of these he refused, just as he had others in the past. him up to early this morning.

The room occupied by the Lees at the hotel was No. 59, on the third floor. The door was ound open by the maid. Men occupying rooms on either side of this Both of these he refused, just as he had others

one heard no shot or other disturbance during the day. n the past.

During the time of his residence here he beame thoroughly identified with New York, and
is very doubtful if he would ever have rearmed permanently to Germany under the Coroner Fitzpatrick arrived at 1:30 o'clock this morning with Police Captain Herlihy of the Twenty-second street station and began his in-

turned permanently to Germany under the circumstances.

It was known to his friends that he was not a strong man, and he was not prudent always in the care of his health. About a year ago he rode uptown on the front platform of a Madison avenue car on a cold night in order to finish a cigar, and he contracted a cold then which nearly proved fatal.

At the time of his death he was writing an opera of which the libretto had stready been prepared. In spite of his occupation in conducting he was working with great interest at the score. He found that there were blood stains in the athtub in an alcove on the opposite side of the room from the bed. There were also stains between the bathtub

and the bed. The police thought the woman could not have gone by herself from the bath to the bed, so wounded as she was.

There were a few hairs on the muzzle of the

score.
"I think," he said to a SUN reporter not long ago, "that it may have one performance in New York; but I am working on it just for the sake evolver, which was lying beside her on the bed. Mrs. Lee lay on her back when found, her bead was bent over the left shoulder, and her right hand was across her chest. The revolver was at the right-hand edge of the

bed, and the opposite side of the bed had not The room was in disorder, but gave no evidence of any struggle. A satchel containing

\$30, which stood on a table, had not been The engagement of the company at Williams burg opened with a matinee yesterday after-

Mrs. Cuff, the part taken by Laura Booth, was read by Irene Everett, at the direction of

Times, he said to a SUN reporter not long ago, "that it may have one performance in New York; but I am working on it just for the sake of that one."

Mr. Seidl was popular among his friends, but he was rather too tacitum to make acquaintances casily. He never learned to speak English with any particular facility. No conductor was ever so popular with a mass of people in this city as Mr. Seidl was, Whether he appeared before a large audience at the Metropolitan or at a concert of less importance he was certain to be greeted with applause. He was well known by sight to more New Yorkers than any other musician in this city, and he was recognized everywhere in public. His summers were passed in the Catskills, at Seidl Berg, his country home, whenever he had time to be away from work. For the last three years he had lived in East Sixty-second street. Ever since his first season in this country he had been an immense influence for the good of music, and it is difficult to see who can take his place.

In spite of his constant work it is probable that Mr. Seidl did not die a rich man. His compensation when he came to this country first was only \$3,000 a year. Until he obtained a regular engagement at the Metropolitan again, the appearances of his orchestra were too casual to be highly profitable.

Some idea of his importance in the musical world may be gathered from the fact that his death will have a serious effect on the most elaborate series of Wagner performances ever organized at Covent tiarden, and make important changes necessary in the forthcoming season at the Metropolitan these two great opera houses having accepted him as their final choice among the living interpreters of Wagner music. Of them none was so much appreciated and valued by the master himself as Anton Seidl. Manager Dave Hayman, Acting Manager Lee was not in the theatre during the performance. His marriage to Miss Booth has been a recognized fact in the company since it was organized last November.

LEGISLATION IN ALBANY.

Bills Passed by Both Houses of the Legislature at a Night Session. ALBANY, March 28.-The Senate to-night passed Mr. Collins's bill to prevent the use of the flag of the United States for advertising or political purposes. It was originally introduced by Senator Grady last year in criticism of the use made of the flag by the Republican party in the Presidential campaign of 1896. It passed the Senate then, but not the Assembly. This year it has passed both houses, and now goes to

the Governor. The Senate passed by a vote of 26 to 15 Senafor Page's bill providing that a plaintiff in conemnation proceedings who receives a judgment for less than \$50 shall not be entitled to bars, Cal., of ex-Judge Joel Fithian, formerly costs. Its purpose is to prevent actions against of Comptroller Richard B. Connolly. The Fithians had a fruit farm at Santa Barbara. Judge Fithian was 58 years of age. He had been ill for some time. A friend of his in this city said yesterday that by a series of unfortu-nate investments he had lost a large amount of money in the past few years. telephone companies for placing poles in front of property where the damages are about \$5 and the costs about \$70. The Senate also passed these bills:

Senator Cantor's, to consolidate the bureaus for tax ollection in the several boroughs of New York city. Mr. Marshall's, authorizing first-class cities to expend \$50,000 and second class cities \$10,000 anually to purchase works of American artists. Senator Ford's, permitting a change of

ower on the transverse road through Central Park nan's, continuing in office the Inspec-tion, Alteration, and Repairs of County Buildings in Kings county.

Senator Guy's, permitting the use of school grounds in New York city for recreation purposes in the

The Assembly adopted a concurrent resolu-tion, offered by Mr. Jiill of Buffalo, changing the year for holding the Pan-American Exposi-tion on the Ningara frontier from 1899 to 1901. The Assembly passed these bills: Mr. Gaies's, fixing the percentage of the moneys collected in the boroughs of Richmond and Queens, on account of the taxation of fire insurance com-

both sides in one operation. His inventions in this line because the foundation of the present Hoe press. He invented the present cracker machine, perfecting it for Isaac Lum of Cambridgeport. He also perfected the preparation of copper and steel plates for use by engravers, and in this line of work he was very successful. In 1837 he worked on the first electric motor over built, that designed by Br. Charles Grafton Page, and which was run between Haltimore and Washington. A few years later he went into the business of making kegs by wholesale, having invented machinery which would produce ten times the former output.

The Rev. Dr. William Griffin, a Methodist collected in the boroughs of Richmond and queens, on account of the taxation of fire insurance companies transacting business in these boroughs, at 45 to the New York City Fire Department Reinford Fund; 45 per cent, to the Exempt or Veteran Younteer Firemen's associations in the boroughs, and to per cent, to the State Firemen's Home at Hodson.

Mr. Taylor's, appropriating \$550,000 for extraordinary repairs to and the improvement of existing mechanical and other structures and work connected with the State Canals.

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Mr. Mckwan's, providing that no printing or photoengraving shall be done in any State prison, penitenthere, or retormatory for the State or any political
division thereof, or for any public institution owned
or managed and controlled by the State or any such
political division, except such printing as may be
required division, except such printing as may be
required or used in the penal and State charitable
institutions and the reports of the Commission of
Prisons and the Superintendent of Prisons, and all
printing required in their offices.

Mr. Sixon's, extending for one month the time
within which the Canal Investigation Commission
and complete its work.

Schator Martin's, authorizing a new referee where
a new trial is ordered. The Rev. Dr. William Griffin, a Methodist. preacher who gave large sums for educational purposes, died on Sunnay at his home in Troy, aged 82 years. He was President and one of the principal promoters of the Round Lake Association, which he assisted with money as well as with his personal efforts, and presented to it a building. He endowed two chairs at Wesleyan University, of which he was one or the trustees, and one chair at Syracuse University. He was for many years a preacher in the Troy Conference and was at one time its Presiding Edder. one and was at one time its Presiding Elder.
Capt. John E. Moore, Superintendent of Landing at the Barge Office, died yesterday at his home, 427 Pacific street, Brooklyn, at the age of 69. He was the head of the Brin of John E. Moore & Co., which has had the contract for transferring immigrants from the steamships to the landings at old Castle Garden, Ellis Island, and the Barge Office since 1872. He had been ill for several years.

Andrew Marshall of Williamsburg died in Ireland on Friday. He came to this country when very young, and became the superintendent of the Waterbury rope works in Williamsburg. He amassed a fortune. He was a volunteer fremman and was a momber of the Williamsburg Yacht Club. Mr. Marshall's home was at 316 Humboldt street, Williamsburg. a new trial is ordered.

Mr. E. C. Brennan's, providing for the transfer of a gertain city plot of land in Brooklyn to the Brooklyn Free Library.

Senator C. Davis's, authorizing receivers of corposensor C. Davis's, authorizing receivers of corposensor C.

Senator C. Davia's, authorizing receivers of corporations appointed by a judgment or order in an action or special proceeding to sell the property of the corporation at private sale.

Senator livus's, providing for the widening of Clinton avenue in Hrooklyn between Gates and Willoughby avenues.

Senator Coggeshall's, empowering the State Factory Inspector to designate two of his associates to enforce the provisions of the labor law concerning the employment of labor on public works.

Senator Wray's, providing that a foreign corporation transacting business in this State shall not possess any more powers than in the State where incorporated.

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Senator Wray's, providing that the Appellate Divi-sion of the Second Judicial Department may direct that an appeal from the New York City Municipal Court may be taken direct to that court. Senator Wray's, establishing an additional court in Kings county not of record, for the trial of minor felonies, to be known as the Borough Court of Brook-

Easter

James R. Robinson, ex-Treasurer of Richmond county, died at his apartments in Amos street. Cilifon, Staten Island, on Sunday night, aged 70 years. He was a lifelong resident of Staten Island. He amassed a fortune in the building trade and retired many years ago. He had been ill for some time. He is survived by two sons, William and Winslow Robinson of Stapleton.

John A. Hardenbergh, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, died on Saturday night at his home, 13 East Twelfth street. Mr. Hardenbergh joined the Exchange on April 12, 1873, but had not visited the floor in recent years, He was born at Rhinebeck, N.Y., in 1832. A widow survives him.

Mrs. Eleanore Pfeiffer, widow of Peter Pfeiffer, one of the first brewers in Newark, N. J., and a member of the firm of Bullantine, Armstrong & Pfeiffer, died on Sunday at the age of 01 at her residence, 41 Plane street. She leaves one child, nine grandchildren and one groatgrandchild. Tiffany Favrile Glass

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Corpulence is a serious condition. It has hitherto been very difficult to treat without esort to unpleasant methods, such as enforced semi-starvation and the sparing use of liquids and starch foods. These methods are often dangerous and invariably unsuecessful, as stout people may eat very little and yet put on flesh all the time.

Corpulence comes, like many cases of dyspepsia, not from undigested food, but from ood being digested in the wrong way. This perverted digestion produces unhealthy fas nstead of healthy muscles. Fortunately, it is now known that the corpulent, by the aid of Kutnow's Improved Effervescent Powder, may easily work off surplus fat by a realthy method-at the same time nourishing the active functions of the body. The Powder gives to the corpulent, from the very first dose, a sensation of freedom and vigor. The discomfort and the drowsy, tired feelings of the patient are immediately corrected. There are none of the debilitating effects which the use of most other remedies involve. and the removal of superfluous fat is speedy, safe, and continuous.

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CONCESSION FROM CHINA.

Lands of Great Mineral Value Granted to British Capitalists. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 28 .- The Chronicle says it as reason to believe that a private concession, presumably of the greatest value, has been made the Chinese Government to a syndicate of critish capitalists, namely, an extensive area, said to be 10,000 square miles, in the province of Shansi, which possesses great mineral wealth. at Sir Claude Macdonald, the British Minster to China, with the approval of Lord Salisbury, must have supported the request for the

OUR SQUADRON AT HONG KONG. Did Its Presence Show American Sympathy with British Policy in China !

Special Caute Despatch to THE BUS. LONDON, March 28 .- A despatch from Shanghai to a news agency here says there is reason to believe that the presence of the entire Amerioan squadron at Hong Kong, which was originally supposed to be designed for Manila on the prospect of war with Spain, was really in-

tended as a practical display of American sympathy with the British policy in China The American and British Admirals had frement interviews.

WARSHIPS FOR NORTH CHINA. England Sends Four Vessels to Cheefoo and Others Will Follow.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 29 .- A special despatch to he Daily Mail from Hong Kong says that new orders have been issued for a British squadron of four vessels to leave on Tuesday for Chefoo. Other vessels will follow to the same destina-

The despatch adds that the utmost activity ontinues at the Hong Kong dock yard.

Russia's Fing Floats Over Port Arthur Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PEKIN, March 28.—The Russian flag is now ying over Port Arthur and Talienwan.

MRS. HOITCHEFF POISONED. The Wife of the Bulgarian Captain Who Killed His Mistress.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

VIENNA, March 28.-A Hungarian newspaper says it learns that the wife of Capt. Detscho Boitcheff, who recently, for the second time, was sentenced to death at Philippopolis, Bulgaria, for the murder of his mistress, Anna Szimon, was found dead in her room on last Saturday. An autopsy proved that she had been poisoned, but how is unknown. When Boitcheff was in formed of the death of his wife he manifested no

SPAIN AND FRANCE. imbanador Patenotre Has a Talk with the Spanish Foreign Minister.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. Madello, March 28,-M. Patenôtre, the French Ambassador to Spain, and Senor Gutton, Minister of Foreign Affairs, had a long conference

Gladstone's Condition Unchanged. Special Cable Desputch to THE BUN. LONDON, March 28 .- A bulletin issued tonight says that Mr. Gladstone's condition is much the same as during the last day or two.

Germany's Naval Bill. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. BERLIN, March 28.-The Government's Naval bill passed its third reading in the Reichstag to

day by a large majority. Lord Salisbury Goes to the Riviera. Special Cable Desputes to THE SUS. LONDON, March 28 .- Lord Salisbury, whose health has been impaired for some time past,

started for the Riviera to-day.

LIVELY PRIMARY IN HOROKUM Mayor Fagan Mixes in with a C air as a

Persuader. Mayor Fagan of Hoboken attended the primaries for the nomination of local officers in the Second district of the Second ward last night. It was reported that 135 votes had been cast, and when the judge of the primary, James White of 536 Washington street, a sympathizer of the anti-Fagan faction, kept on counting after that number had been reached, the It adds that if the report is true it is obvious | Mayor, who was pacing the floor, ordered him

Mayor, who was pacing the floor, ordered him to stop. White kept right on, and the Mayor approached him and said, "By God, you will stop," and he picked up the ballot box and threw it on the floor.

Then Mayor Fagan picked up a chair and started toward White, brandishing it in the air. The chair was broken in the mix-up that followed, and so was the Mayor's hat. Some Faganite threw'a bottle of link at White, and hit him in the face with it. Faganite throw a bottle of ink at White, and hit him in the face with it.

Fagan then left the room with a chair rungin each hand and called in a policeman, who took White to the Willet avenue station. He was locked up by the Faganite Sergeant in charges Later Fagan called at the station and made a charge of tampering with the ballot box against White. White's friends got a Justice of the Peace and went around to ball out the prisoner. The Sergeant would not accept ball, but after a conference by telephone with Recorder Mo-Donough White was released on his promise to appear befoder the Recorder this morning.

LONG ISLAND CITY WATER SUPPER. Proposal to Increase It by 1,000,000 Gallous Dally for 850.000

President Bowley of the borough of Queens announced yesterday that he had received a proposal from a reliable man to increase the water supply of Long Island City 1,00,000 gallons a day for \$50,000.

President Bowley said that the plan was to sink additional wells in a plot of forty-three acres of land surrounding pumping station No. 3 of the city system. The land is owned by the city. President Bowley declined yesterday to give the name of the man offering to make the

Hydrant Inspectors Ask for Reinstatement. The sixteen hydrant inspectors who were dismissed from the Fire Department in the borough of Brooklyn have applied to Justice Dickey of the Supreme Court for reinstatement on the ground that they are veterans, and therefore protected in their places. If they cannot go back as inspectors, such places having been abolished, they want to be rated as laborers.

Where Yesterday's l'ires Were. A. M. -- 12:45, 221 East 125th street, Kate Lynch, damage \$10; 12:45, 12 Hayard street, Meyer London, damage \$1,000; 12:45, 70 Sullivan street, Benjamin I. Sturges, damage \$5; 9:45, 146th street and Raff-J. Sturges, damage \$5; 9:45, 146th street and Reli-road avenue, S. Ulman, damage slight; 10:90, \$99 East 195th street, Mrs. Dane, damage slight; P. M.—1:40, 75 Rivington street, D. Levy, damage slight; 430, 351 East Turry-second street, L. Kell-man & Co., damage \$200; 4:40, 45 Sullivan street, Albert Hoffman, no damage; 4:50, 16 East Fourteenth street, W. Jennings Demorest, damage \$50: 6:30, 58 Suffols street, damage \$390; 6:40, 505 Greenwich street, Regent Cordial Company, damage trifling.